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25X1A 1. (Confidential - JMM) Senator Henry M. Jackson called to say that he was in desperate need of a secretary and had been in touch with a well-qualified young lady named [redacted] who had recently come to work for the Agency. He said as a very special favor he would like to ask us to release her to join his staff not later than Monday, 8 December. He said one problem was whether we could release her from the obligation of reimbursing the Agency for the cost of her travel to Washington. After checking with [redacted] Personnel, 25X1A and with [redacted] (who is ready to accept Senator Jackson's offer) I called Sterling Munro, Administrative Assistant to Senator Jackson, to say that we would take care of the matter in accordance with the Senator's request.

Senator Jackson remarked he had not been in touch with us lately but would like to get briefed on significant recent developments in the near future. He added that he was trying to set up a discussion group with Robert Conquest (author of a number of books and articles on the Soviet Union) and would be glad to have the Director or some other Agency officer participate.

25X1A 2. (Secret - JMM) Jim Lowenstein, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to say Senator Claiborne Pell wanted a briefing 25X1C

[redacted] After checking the facts with [redacted] NE Division, and with the approval of the Director, I made a date with Senator Pell for 3:15 p.m. tomorrow to brief him as requested.

25X1A Regarding the upcoming trip to Saigon of Lowenstein and Moose, of the Committee staff, I explained to Lowenstein that our people in Saigon would be glad to brief them on the general intelligence picture, but we would not be in a position to discuss operational matters or provide details of the pacification or Vietnamization programs on which we are not primarily involved. Lowenstein said this was entirely agreeable but he hoped our Saigon station could bring them up-to-date on the Phoenix Program.

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12. (Unclassified - GLC) Gordon Nease, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, advised me that [redacted] lieutenant j.g., now working for DIA will leave the Navy next February and is interested in employment possibilities in the Agency. Nease asked my opinion on the prospects here. I told him I would check on this and would be back in touch with him.

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13. (Confidential - GLC) Met with Ed Braswell, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and he advised me that Senator Stennis had decided not to hold a Committee meeting on legislation tomorrow in view of the press of other matters such as the My Lai matter and several appropriation measures requiring his attention. Braswell said that he would raise the question with the Senator again next week.

Braswell mentioned that Senator Fulbright is sending several staff investigators to Vietnam in connection with the Foreign Relations Committee's hearings. Braswell expects that this will set off a new round of hearings when these men return.

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14. (Secret - GLC) Hand carried to Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the [redacted]

I advised Woodruff of the status of our retirement bill and our hope that it would be taken up by the Armed Services Committee in the very near future.

15. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with Peggy MacDonald, on the staff of Senator Henry Jackson (D., Wash.), about the visit to the Hill of several [redacted] officials along with [redacted] on Friday and raised with her the question of the Senator's availability to meet with this group. She said she would check on this and call me back.

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16. (Confidential - GLC) Mr. Drury Blair, on the staff of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, asked if the Agency might possibly have any information on the extent of Jewish emigration from East European countries, especially from Poland. He said he had been unable to get any figures from the Immigration and Naturalization Service on this. I told him I would check on this and be back in touch.

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6. (Secret - JMM) Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called and said that Messrs. James Lowenstein and Richard Moose, of the Committee staff, would be travelling to Saigon on Committee business, arriving on 7 December and leaving on 18 December. Mr. Marcy asked that the Director send a cable to the field advising the Agency people to cooperate with Lowenstein and Moose as they did with Messrs. Pincus and Paul.

Later in the day, Mr. Lowenstein called to advise that he and Mr. Moose would be staying at the Caravelle Hotel in Saigon. He said that they would be interested in seeing our people separately from the country team. Lowenstein said that their primary interest would center on the status of the pacification program, the prospects for Vietnamization, and the general political and military situations in both Saigon and the field. He said they expected to travel extensively outside of Saigon.

7. (Unclassified - JGO) Met with Mr. John Martiny, Counsel, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and received from him a copy of H.R. 15024 which was introduced by Mr. Daniels and Mr. Dulski last night. This bill will provide a 5 per cent increase in certain annuities for involuntary separation having a commencing date after November 1, 1969, but before January 2, 1970. This is an Administration bill introduced at the request of the Department of Defense. Mr. Martiny advised that hearings probably will be scheduled for next week.

8. (Secret - JGO) Met with Messrs. John Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and thanked them for the Committee's action in the expeditious passage of H.R. 14571.

Mr. Blandford noted that information has been provided the Chairman concerning the dollar cost of Soviet and Chinese support to North Vietnam and requested verification of the amounts together with certain other information. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

9. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, who advised that as yet no changes have been made in staff assignment of the Committee. Mr. Michaels also advised that he will be staying with the Committee through the month of December.

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